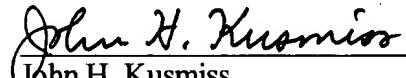


**REMARKS**

This is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/310,774. It is requested that the references cited in the prosecution of the parent application be considered in the prosecution of this divisional application, and accordingly copies of the references cited in the parent application are attached hereto with a form PTO 1449. The relevance of those references was set forth in the prosecution of U.S. Serial No. 09/310,774.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, Applicants respectfully request that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the listed telephone number.

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